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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for adding context to a chat transcript, the method comprising the steps of:

- running real-time instant messaging software on a computer;
- receiving a first message, defining at least a part of said chat transcript, from a user;
- receiving a specified user mood;
- analysing the text of said first message by passing the first message to a co-ordinator component and to a category object;
- analysing a response from the co-ordinator component and the category object;
- assigning a verb to the text of said first message based upon the specified user mood;
- associating the verb with the user from which said first message is received;
- responsive to analysis of the text, modifying said text of said first message by adding an assigned verb and a user associated with said assigned verb to said text of said first message to create a second message in order to add context thereto by randomly selecting a sentence structure, capitalizing the first letter of the sentence, and adding object quotes and punctuation to the second message; and
- giving the option to overwrite the second message;
- storing a history of the chat transcript; and
- transmitting said second message to interested parties;

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wherein the second message is different than the first message as defined by an alteration to the first message selected from the group consisting of an addition of text to the first message, a deletion of text from the first message, and a replacement of text in the first message.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of assigning a verb to the text of said first message comprises:

looking for matches between at least a portion of the text and at least one list, each item in a list being associated with at least one verb; and
selecting a verb associated with a matched item.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein a plurality of verbs are associated with at least one item in at least one list.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein associated verbs are assigned weightings which determine how often said verbs are assigned.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of assigning a verb to the text of said first message comprises:
replacing at least a portion of the text of said first message with said verb.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of modifying the text of said first message in order to add context thereto comprises:

defining how the text of said first message should be displayed at a client according to at least one predefined rule.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, comprising the step of:
instructing said client how to display said text, based upon at least one predefined rule.

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23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 comprising the steps of:
enabling a user to indicate their mood; and
using said indicated mood to influence the context added to said text of
said first message.
24. (Original) The method of claim 23 comprising the step of:
including an adverb as part of said context, said adverb chosen
according to the mood indicated by the user.
25. (Original) The method of claim 15 comprising the step of:
storing a history of the chat transcript.
26. (Original) The method of claim 25 comprising the steps of:
updating said stored chat transcript;
reflecting any changes in said transcript on the display screens of users
involved in the chat.
27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 comprising the steps of:
informing a user to whom the text of said first message belongs of the
suggested context;
receiving acceptance or rejection of said suggested context; and
acting upon said rejection or acceptance.
28. (Original) The method of claim 15 comprising the step of:
assigning context based on a predetermined theme.
- 29-31. (Cancelled)